

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CENTRALIZATION OF I.T. UNITS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the institutions engaged in Software Business in the field of Information Technology are restricted only to metrocities due to availability of required infrastructure and facilities;
- (b) if not, the percentage of such institution located in metrocities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad out of the total institution functioning in the country;
- (c) whether the Government have estimated the loss due to such centralisation of this particular business; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to set up such institutions in other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Currently about 80% of the Software / Software Services Companies are located in the MetroCities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

(c) and (d): There is no loss due to such centralisation of Software export companies. However, Government's efforts are to spread this activity widely in the country. Thus, the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) has set up 18 centres providing infrastructural facilities including High Speed Data Communication (HSDC) links at Bangalore, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Noida, Gandhinagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Mohali Jaipur, Navi Mumbai, Coimbatore, Manipal, Mysore, Guwahati, Vizag, Indore and Kolkata.